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THE FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED LANGUAGE ON THE  
INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE AMIA AND ISRAELI EMBASSY  
BOMBINGS AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

THE TWO TERRORIST BOMBINGS IN ARGENTINA, THE 1992  
ATTACK ON THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND THE 1994 ATTACK ON  
THE AMIA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, SHOWED US ALL THAT  
TERRORISM IS NOT CONFINED TO ANY ONE GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

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THE BOMBINGS CAUGHT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND MOST  
OTHERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE UNPREPARED. WHILE  
THE INVESTIGATIONS INTO BOTH BOMBINGS BEGAN SLOWLY,  
THEY HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE CERTAIN FACTS  
ARE KNOWN.

IN THE EMBASSY BOMBING, THE SUPREME COURT SECRETARY  
RESPONSIBLE FOR LEADING THE INVESTIGATION EARLIER  
THIS YEAR PUBLICLY BLAMED ISLAMIC JIHAD FOR THE  
ATTACK AND ISSUED AN INTERNATIONAL ARREST WARRANT FOR  
ISLAMIC JIHAD LEADER IMAD MUGHNIYAH. IN THE AMIA  
CASE, THE INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE EXPRESSED HIS VIEW  
THAT ISLAMIC JIHAD ALSO WAS PROBABLY BEHIND THE 1994

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BOMBING. HE ALSO CHARGED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FOR  
THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH THE CASE.

IN SPITE OF THESE TERRIBLE ATTACKS, THE JEWISH  
COMMUNITY IN ARGENTINA CONTINUES TO THRIVE. THE  
NEWLY RE-BUILT AMIA COMMUNITY CENTER RE-OPENED THIS  
YEAR. ITS PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT AND SERVE A  
VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

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